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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are five sets of pages: (1) a verified translation of the application as previously filed, (2) pages that includes revision marks showing amendments to the description and claims of the verified translation, (3) the amended application in a clean form, (4) sheets of drawings with changes shown in red, and (5) sheets of substitute drawings that incorporate the changes.

Preliminary to the examination of this application, please amend the description, claims and drawings as shown by revision marks on the enclosed pages. Revision marks are shown in the description at the following locations:

- page 9, lines 6, 10 and 13
- page 10, lines 8-11
- page 16, lines 6-8 (equation no. 18)
- page 20, lines 17-18
- page 20, lines 21-22 (equation no. 24)
- page 29, line 10
- page 34, lines 6-7
- page 44, lines 8, 14 and 21
- page 45, line 6
- page 46, line 3
- page 47, lines 13-14

Revision marks are shown in claim 8 on page 54. Red marks are shown in Figs. 3, 4, 10 and 15.

A substitute specification that incorporates all of the amendments shown by the revision marks is enclosed as the third set of pages. The undersigned attorney states that, except for the changes expressly shown by the revision marks referred to above, the substitute specification does not contain any new matter with respect to the verified translation enclosed herewith.

Finally, drawings that incorporate the changes shown in red are enclosed.

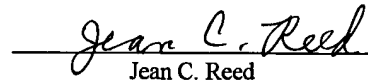
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Enc.    Verified translation  
         Pages with revision marks showing amendments  
         Pages of substitute specification  
         Drawings for Figs. 3, 4, 10 and 15 with changes shown in red  
         Substitute drawings for Figs. 3, 4, 10 and 15 with amendments